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Umatilla Indian Agency
Pendleton, Oregon
P. O. Box 496

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Mr. Click Relander
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Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

In answer to your letter of March 23, 1952, in which you asked for information pertaining to the Indians of this reservation; the following represents the latest figures and information available.

Tribes	Popu- lation	18 Yrs & under	Population Male Female		Est. No. of Full Bloods
Cayuse	384	111	170	214	160
Umatilla	121	35	43	78	50
Walla Walla	623	180	313	310	259
Other	30	9	12	18	13
Totals	1158	335	538	620	482

The general common language spoken is English, except for a very small percentage who still speak their native tongue and require an interpreter. When many of the Indians gather at meetings or functions, in many instances there may be small groups carrying on conversations in Indian, even though they are able to speak and understand English.

As to your question about any but the older men and women who know and use the universal Indian language called "Chinook jargon", there are a few who are able to converse with Indians from many of the tribes found in the Northwest.

Your article you enclosed, that was about L. V. Mc Whorter the author, was very interesting and your sending it was appreciated.

I trust that the above information is that which you desired. The figures used are the latest available but they do not represent the true status of this reservation one hundred percent.

Sincerely yours,

Richard D. Butts

Richard D. Butts,
Superintendent